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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has established  
3 sister-state relations with Taiwan, an agreement signed by  
4 Governor Jim Edgar and Governor Dr. Lien Chan in 1992; and

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WHEREAS, The Republic of China (Taiwan) and the State of  
6 Illinois enjoy a deep and longstanding partnership built on a  
7 shared dedication to freedom, democracy, and the market  
8 economy; and

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10 WHEREAS, The quality of Illinois agricultural products has  
11 always been appreciated by Republic of China (Taiwan) importers  
and consumers; and

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13 WHEREAS, Taiwan sent 24 procurement missions to the United  
14 States between 1978 and 2007, which have enhanced the mutually  
15 beneficial trade relations and permanent friendship between  
16 the two countries and has most recently resulted in the  
17 purchase of U.S. agricultural products worth U.S. \$3.9 billion  
following the 2007 Taiwan Agricultural Mission; and

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19 WHEREAS, In 2007, Taiwan ranked as the seventh-largest  
20 export market in the world for U.S. agricultural products and  
21 the fourth-largest market for U.S.-grown corn; in addition,  
Illinois' overall exports to Taiwan are steadily increasing,

1 with Taiwan ranked as the world's eleventh-largest market for  
2 Illinois' products in 2008, with exports to Taiwan valued at  
3 U.S. \$1.385 billion, an increase of 8.8 percent from Illinois'  
4 2007 exports to Taiwan (worth U.S. \$1.274 billion); and

5 WHEREAS, The Taiwan government has invited delegations of  
6 leaders from the Midwestern state legislatures, including the  
7 State of Illinois, to visit Taiwan; through the efforts of the  
8 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, the exchanges  
9 of qualified teachers of English and Chinese languages in each  
10 other's schools have been enhanced and the cultural  
11 performances, educational programs, and exhibits during  
12 Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month and Taiwanese-American  
13 Heritage Week have increased as well; and

14 WHEREAS, The Taiwanese community has been an important  
15 contributor to the State's economy as well as business and  
16 civic activities and are strong supporters of the relations  
17 between Taiwan and the State of Illinois; and

18 WHEREAS, The government of Illinois, including the  
19 Illinois General Assembly, has been a cordial supporter of  
20 Taiwan's appeal to participate in the activities of the United  
21 Nations, Taiwan's appeal to be an observer in the World Health  
22 Assembly of the World Health Organization, and the signing of a  
23 Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Taiwan;

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 reaffirm the State of Illinois' sister-state relationship with  
5 Taiwan and support the exchanges of all kinds that are mutually  
6 beneficial to both sides; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
8 presented to Director General Perry Pei-hwang Shen of the  
9 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago; His Excellency  
10 Dr. Tsai Hsung Hsiung, Governor of Taiwan Province of the  
11 Republic of China (Taiwan); and the Honorable Patrick Quinn,  
12 Governor of the State of Illinois.